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SPORTS MEETING FINE SUCCESS

Enthusiasm ran high on Monday night at the winter sports meeting. The good sized attendance denotes that the plans are going to be put over right, provided the weather is reasonably seasonable.

Already work is going on at Division Hill at the military reservation. The send-off platform is being constructed and also the take-off from the bank to the lake. The latter last season had a drop of about ten feet while this year it will be reduced to about three, thus making it much safer and possibly a trifle faster for the toboggan as it strikes the ice on the lake. Poles are being set for electric wiring and a place provided where hot coffee and lunches may be served.

Plans for the construction of the slides are being worked out by the committee and they seem to be on the right track to avoid any similar mistakes to that of last year.

Ice skating on the lake has already begun and some of our boys and girls are enjoying the sport. Later in the season the ice will be elevated over a large area so as to eliminate the heavy snows.

The finance committee stated that there was about \$400.00 in sight for use whenever it is required. Herb Gothro, chairman of the finance committee suggested that if anyone had any ideas for raising money for the project that they would be welcome, and hopes that someone may come forward with assistance.

All of Michigan is looking to Grayling this year for winter sports. They are expecting us to give them the things they want to provide entertainment in which they may personally participate rather than to be a spectator only. Hockey and professional skill jumping are great but we doubt if they can compare with a program that will give people a lot of tobogganing, snowshoeing, skating, skiing, fishing, etc. Those who go to the hills want to get into the games themselves and that is just what Grayling is planning to offer those who may come here for winter sports. We have the ideal weather conditions, and the ideal place for coasting and for doing the other winter stunts.

It is hoped that the present mild weather period will soon cease and that things will be so that the winter sports will be available during the holidays.

WOMAN'S CLUB NOTES

The sixth regular meeting for this Monday evening.

Miss Isa Granger read a splendid paper on the progress of mining in Michigan. Evidences have been found that attempts were made by some prehistoric race to take copper from the earth several hundred years before the discovery of America. Michigan stands first in the mining of iron.

A paper was read which had been prepared by Mrs. Frank Tetu on Michigan scenery and resorts and forests and streams. One-fifth of the total area of Michigan is water. We have in this state more than five thousand lakes, Houghton Lake being the largest inland lake. Other large lakes are Mullet, Burt, Osage, Higgins and Orion. For many years Michigan was the leading lumber state in the union, but large inroads on its forests caused it in 1919 to drop to 14th place. Few of the streams are navigable though many of them furnish water power.

A STANDARD OF CONDUCT

The Supreme Court of the United States has defined a standard of conduct for motorists and others to follow for their own safety when crossing railway tracks. It is contained in the following extract from a recent decision of that court.

"When a man goes upon a railroad track he knows that he goes to a place where he will be killed if a train comes upon him before he is clear of the track. He knows that he must stop for the train, not the train stop for him. In such circumstances it seems to us that if a driver cannot be sure otherwise whether a train is dangerously near he must stop and get out of his vehicle, although obviously he will not often be required to do more than to stop and look. It seems to us that if he relies upon not hearing the train or any signal and takes no further precaution he does so at his own risk."

AUTO OWNERS

There will be no extension on 1927 auto license plates after Dec. 31, 1927. Get your 1928 plates if you intend to drive on or after January 1st, 1928. J. E. Bobenmoyer, Sheriff 12-15-3

WALTONIANS HEAR STATE PRESIDENT

H. A. SAVAGE TELLS OF BENEFITS OF ORGANIZATION

Those who are interested in hunting, fishing and the conservation of our forests, lakes and streams should have been in attendance at the annual sportsmen's dinner at the Board of Trade rooms Wednesday night.

Besides having an enjoyable dinner several reels were shown, depicting the fishing scenes and big game hunting in the wilds of South Africa, that were very interesting.

It surely was a privilege to have in attendance H. A. Savage of Saginaw, president of the Michigan Division of the Izaak Walton League. Mr. Savage spends more than 75 per cent of his time in the work of the league and stated that no executive of the organization receives one cent salary for his services.

Michigan has 5,000 members of the League and President Savage said that we need a membership of 15,000 and with such an organization we would be able to get regulatory laws upon our statute books that are constructive and in accordance with the broad principles of the League. He sounded a note of warning that should make every lover of the big outdoors want to get into the League and help to take the Conservation department out of politics.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARY GROWING

The Primary Department of the Michelson Memorial Sunday School has recently purchased for their library eight new books, "Why the Chinese Rang" by Alden, the rest are of the Altenuis Series of picture books for the real little folks. Also twelve other books have been donated by friends of the Sunday school. Tom Brown's School Days, Treasure Island, Black Beauty, New Chronicles of Rebecca, Hans Brinker or the Little Skates, That Printer of Udell's, Campfire Girls in the Country, two Boy Scouts books and others.

Health training in the public schools, the most effective prevention work in the struggle against tuberculosis, is made possible by the annual sale of Christmas seals.



1—Aerial view of flooded region in northwestern New York where great damage was done. 2—Maj. Gen. Hanson Ely, new commandant at Governors Island, reviewing troops there. 3—Opening the big doors of the capitol for the meeting of the Seventieth congress.

OBJECT TO SHORT- ENING SEASON

PROTEST AGAINST CONSERVATION DEPT. RULING

There has been some objections offered against the ruling of the State Department of Conservation that closes all lakes in the state against fishing before June 16th. Particularly is this true in regions where the hotels make a business of catering to fishermen. The property owners of Houghton lake are probably the hardest hit for it shortens the season there six weeks over the former regulations. The Roscommon Herald-News sums the matter up in a clear, concise manner in their issue of last week, from which we quote as follows:

The Conservation Commission at its meeting in Lansing last Saturday threw a bombshell into the tourist and resort business of Northern Michigan when it issued an order closing all of the inland lakes of the state to fishing of any kind until June 16th, for a period of five years from the first day of next April. The order is published elsewhere in this issue.

The order is one of the most drastic that the commission has ever issued and has certainly caused a furore among the business people of this county who, like many more in the upper part of the state, depend next to entirely upon the tourist and resort business for a livelihood and the maintenance of our county. Fishing has been our long suit, the ace of attraction, and now comes the Department of Conservation with an order that virtually spells doom to many a business enterprise around our lakes in that the now too short resort season has been shortened up another six weeks. In their action the commission is sacrificing business and other outdoor recreation for the sake of saving a few fish. Perhaps in the southern part of the state action of this nature is necessary but in this or the upper part of the state it is called for and highly unjust. The shortening of the fishing season is not half so necessary for the conservation of fish as is the working out of an efficient system of fish planting and propagation. Too little attention has been given to the latter.

The opening of the fishing season on May 1st has in the past meant the opening of the tourist and resort business in general and now to defer the opening fully six weeks means the loss of untold thousands of dollars in revenue from sources independent of fishing. With the closing of the fishing season until June 16 what inducement is offered to bring tourists to this part of the state? None. And everyone knows that thousands of people come north from this and other states to enjoy early season recreation just because the fishing season is open, yet they do not all fish.

True, fishing was poor in this part of the state during the past season but it was a condition rather than a lack of fish in the lakes, so related a representative of the department who was here late in the summer trying to determine why the fish were not biting.

The people of Roscommon county have no quarrel with those counties who feel that they are justified in asking a longer closed season as a means of conserving fish in their localities. However, we feel that our lakes are large enough to take care of themselves by conservation methods other than shortening the season. Our lakes are the play ground of the tourist and resortor and as such should be kept open for the public use the longest possible time both from a sportsman's and business man's standpoint.

While there might be an occasion for an order of this kind covering bass fishing lakes, such as southern Michigan boasts, it should hardly apply, or be made to apply, to the hundreds of lakes in the northern part of the state, similar to Houghton, Higgins and St. Helen lakes in this county, which are solely the habitat of the Great Northern pike, wall-eye and perch. Under the new regulation, the fishing season will open in this county when fishermen consider the pike and wall-eyes about through biting because of the oncoming flies and other insects.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars

DEATH CLAIMS FATHER SAVAGE

INFIRMITIES OF AGE END LIFE OF DISTINGUISHED PASTOR OF HOLY TRINITY, DETROIT

Death Saturday afternoon, terminating the struggle of Rt. Rev. Monsignor James Savage, pastor of Most Holy Trinity church, Detroit, and one of Michigan's best loved priests, against the increasing infirmities of advanced age. Had Monsignor Savage lived, he would have reached his eightieth birthday on January 8. He died at his home, 1050 Porter street.

Monsignor Savage or, as he was more familiarly known to thousands, Dean Savage, was born in Sylvan township, Washtenaw county, January 8, 1849.

Father Savage entered the seminary at Niagara university, where he received his college training. After graduating from Niagara, he went to the Theological Seminary of St. Francis at Milwaukee, then well known Catholic educational circles because of the presence on its faculty of Father Salzman, one of the great Catholic theologians of his time.

Fr. Savage graduated with the class of 1869, but as he had not reached the canonical age of 22 years and ten months, hence he had to wait two months and therefore was ordained July 2, 1869. He then was assigned as assistant at Holy Trinity church, Detroit, where some years later he became its pastor.

To his intimates he was known as a great banterer, and a man who masked his wide knowledge with a humble reticence, out of which he seldom emerged. But there were three subjects upon which he was always ready to talk with the fervor of an enthusiast—the outdoors, old coins and Michigan archaeology.

He maintained a ledge on the Au Sable river for the past 30 years, but there are few places in the lower peninsula where he had not hunted or fished. An annual event of July in Au Sable country was the celebration of his anniversary to the priesthood. Here each year on a set day in July would gather his fellows of the outdoors, Protestant and Catholic alike. Among those who never missed one of these occasions for years, included such well known trout fishermen as the late Fred Ireland, the late Charles D. Joslyn, the late Postmaster Dickerson, of Detroit, Grant Fellows, Judge William L. Carpenter, John Russell and H. E. Spalding, whose lodge housed more than one of the gatherings.

At his winter hobby of coin-collecting, he worked hard during his leisure hours. American copper coinage was his specialty, although his collection of American gold dollars is considered to be one of the few, if not the only one, in Detroit.

Known As Archaeologist

But it was, perhaps, through his pursuit of Michigan archaeology that he gained his greatest reputation as a scientist and established his most important friendships.

He was always interested, even as a boy, in saving bits of Indian relics. This collection grew with the years and at one time he boasted, before he transferred them to museums, some of the finest collections of Indian arrow heads and axes in the Middle West. Nearly all of these were picked up in Wayne and Crawford counties.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 o'clock on Wednesday morning, at Most Holy Trinity church. Rt. Rev. Bishop Michael J. Gallagher, bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Detroit, officiated.

Dean Savage, by his own request, will be laid to rest in Sylvan.

Fr. Savage, having come to Grayling for so many years for his annual summer sojourn, had hosts of friends in this vicinity who were grieved to learn of his demise. He was a great lover of the Au Sable, and a booster for Northern Michigan.

Buy more Christmas seals. They save lives.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE
Services at 9:30 a. m.
Each Sunday American Legion Hall,
Sunday School 10:40 a. m.
All are welcome

Christmas Cantata

The Woman's Club of Grayling extend to the public a cordial invitation to be present at the Christmas Cantata, Monday evening, Dec. 19th, at 8 o'clock at the Michelson Memorial church.

The club kindly requests that children be accompanied by their parents or adult persons.

Michelson Memorial Church

John Wilfred Greenwood, Minister

Dec. 18, 1927

At 10:30 a. m. the pastor will speak on the theme—"The Man of Sympathy"—"Barnabas". Special music at this service.

At 7:30 p. m. a splendid and attractive evening service entitled "The Different Road"—No Road is of any value unless it leads on to the Different Road—the Christ Road. Unless we put the Kingdom of God first in industry, in politics, in education, in internationalism—our efforts are bound to result in failure. See the moving picture story on the screen entitled "The Ninety and Nine."

A Thought for the Week
Someone asked me "How Government Control worked in Ontario? If it would not be better than our present system. An editorial in a recent reliable Canadian paper has this to say of the situation. Let us ponder this comment:—

The Provincial Treasury is getting full and so are the jails it is reported. During the seven months the L. C. A. has been in operation the revenue has been benefited by \$3,500,000. Banditry is increasing and Toronto police want 600 additional men on their staff to cope with lawlessness. Are we

wrong in concluding that above conditions spring from cause and effect? Goldsmith was right when he said: "I'll fairs the land to hastening ills a prey When wealth accumulates and men decay."

MAKE SANTA'S WHISKERS FIRE-PROOF, SAYS STATE

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 16th.—Yule candles, inflammable Santa Claus' whiskers, and wax or paper tree decorations "may turn celebration of the Savior's birth into stark tragedy and satanic triumph," says Charles V. Lane, Asst. State Fire Marshal in a press statement issued today. The state officer says:

"Make Santa's beard and clothing fire-proof by thorough saturation in a solution of one pound of ammonium phosphate in one gallon of water." Other safety rules are: (1) Keep fire away from Christmas trees; (2) Use electric lights instead of candles; (3) Abandon fibre to imitate snow; (4) No tissue paper, cotton or celluloid ornaments; (5) Locate nearest fire alarm box and appoint a safety committee-man for duty at all rehearsals and the celebration proper; (6) Observe the state law as to maintenance of open aisles.

Buy Christmas seals with the double-barred cross. They save lives by preventing tuberculosis.

For eighty-five years the candles have cast their gleam over Whitman's candies for Christmas

Only NINE more days before Christmas.

Central Drug Store Candy Headquarters

Phone No. 1.

The Best Gifts of All



Just imagine, if you can, the excited little cry of delight which will escape her on Christmas morning when she discovers that you have given her a full assortment, or even one of these beautifully practical electrical utensils.

IT WILL BE WORTH WHILE INSPECTING OUR DISPLAY

Michigan Public Service Co.

PHONE 1542



Build with Good Lumber for a Merry Christmas

If your buildings have been built with good lumber, you will be able to enjoy a much merrier Christmas. If some are in need of repair, fix them up with good lumber before Christmas. We are at your service.

Grayling Box Company

Everything in Lumber and Builders' Supplies
PHONE 622

Merry Christmas—1927



Candy



WE HAVE JUST ADDED TO
OUR PACKAGE LINE OF
CHOCOLATES THE

Bunt's Chocolates

Famous the World Over
"OH MY" BUT THEY ARE FINE

None Better

If you are not satisfied your money
will be refunded.

ALSO PACKED IN CHRISTMAS
PACKAGES

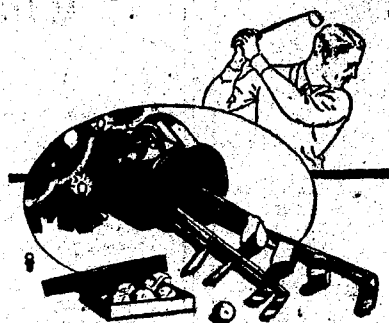
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Ice Cream



SPECIAL BRICK AS WELL AS
BULK ICE CREAM
WE WILL DELIVER IT THE TIME
YOU WILL SERVE IT

CALL 1054



Sporting Goods

Make an Ideal Gift
FOR THE OLD AND YOUNG

Base Balls
Base Ball Gloves and Mitts
Skates
Skiis
Pocket Knives
Hunting Knives
Boy Scout Knives
Fish Rods
Reel
Lines
Flies
Golf Clubs
Bags and Balls
Hockey Sticks and Pucks
Safety Razors

Radios

HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEW
SONORA
IF NOT YOU HAVE MISSED
ONE OF THE BEST
COME IN AND HEAR IT NOW

How about a
Nice Piano!

THIS WILL MAKE AN IDEAL
XMAS GIFT, ONE THE FAMILY
MAY ENJOY FOR YEARS TO
COME

CAN BE BOUGHT ON EASY
TERMS
GUITAR MANDOLINS
UKES PHONOGRAPHS

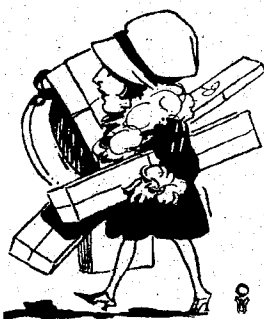


FOUNTAIN PENS AND PENCILS
SETS OR SEPARATE

WE CARRY

CONKLIN and PARKERS

Look them over now while the stock
is complete



Smokers' Articles

ARE ALWAYS GIFTS
THAT ARE APPRECIATED

Pipes Cigar Holders
Cigarette Holders
Cigars in Boxes
Smoking in 1Lb. & 1/2Lb. sizes
Tobacco Pouches

XMAS CANDIES FOR YOUR
TREE

Don't miss the Christmas dance at
the Temple, Thursday evening, Decem-
ber 22.

Make Christmas really merry by
buying Christmas seals and spreading
good health.

Save by paying your taxes before
January 10th, as at that time the fee
will be 4% instead of 1%.

Alfred Hanson, Township Clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hermann of
Lansing spent the week end here, Mr.
Hermann returning Monday. Mrs.
Hermann will assist in the Post Office
during the Xmas rush.

The local High school debating
team met defeat at the hands of the
Stanhilp High school team at the lat-
ter place last Friday evening. Gray-
ling upheld the affirmative side of the
question.

Edmore LaBarr has opened a
ready-to-wear store in the building on
U. S. 27 at the corner of Ogema and
Cedar streets, where he is offer-
ing some real bargains. Read his
ad. on another page of this issue and
see what he is offering.

The final rehearsal of the Christ-
mas program to be given by the pri-
mary department of the Michigan
Memorial Sunday school will take
place Wednesday afternoon, December
21st, after school instead of Monday
as at first planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hendrie are in
Maple Ridge owing to the death of
the latter's mother. Mr. and Mrs.
Charles Gothro and Mrs. L. J. Kraus
motored to Maple Ridge to be in at-
tendance at the funeral, that was to
be held today.

With the approach of the holiday
season comes the pleasure of making
plans for the annual Charity ball,
which this year will take place on
Thursday evening, December 29th.
Everything points to a very pretty
party and for enjoyment this affair
is always one of the most pleasant of
the winter season. The tickets are
\$1.50 per couple, which includes lunch,
the orchestra—the Humbert-Whitney
Red Stripes of Owosso are sure to
please. Buy your tickets now.

St. Mary's Altar society gave a
house warming for Mrs. Wilfred
Laurant Saturday evening, leaving
her kitchen well supplied with kitchen
utensils of every description. The
evening was enjoyed playing "500".
Mrs. Charles Tromble and Mrs.
Thomas Cassidy holding the high
scores and Mrs. Marius Hanson re-
ceiving consolations. A pot luck lunch
served at a late hour closed a very
pleasant evening.

Fire starting from a defective chim-
ney destroyed the rear part of the
A. L. Roster house on Peninsular
avenue Saturday evening. The build-
ing at the time of the fire was oc-
cupied by the Hans L. Peterson fam-
ily, and their loss was placed at
between \$300 and \$400. The loss on
the building was estimated at \$800,
all of which was covered by insurance.
The Peterson family are staying at
the home of Clyde Peterson until they
can find suitable quarters to move
into.

A truck load of Christmas trees
that looked as though it would reach
across the street left Grayling this
noon for Lansing, having been sched-
uled to arrive in that city for de-
livery tonight. R. E. Dean is the
dealer and he has been in Grayling
the past three weeks gathering trees
for shipment. The truck that con-
veyed the load was a Mason truck
and to it was attached a 45 foot
trailer. In the load were 568 trees,
one 30 foot tree, 60 twelve foot trees,
2 fourteen footers and 500 trees six
to eight feet. Mr. Dean said that at
three o'clock this morning he shipped
a truck load of 200 trees to the same
place.

Tonight the third annual Chevrolet
banquet of this district, division
No. 1 will be held at Shoppensons
Inn. It is expected that Chevrolet
dealers from Alpena, Lincoln, Tawas
City, East Tawas, Standish, West
Barnch, Roscommon, Gaylord, Clare,
Cadillac and Grayling will be present
at the affair. This is known as the
Turkey-Bean banquet, which is held
each autumn in one of the cities of
the district and those having the high-
est sales of the year get the turkey
and the losers get the beans, how-
ever all will eat turkey tonight.
There will be some of the Chevrolet
officials of the district present and
no doubt it will be a very nice affair.
This is put on by the Chevrolet
people.

JUNIOR CLASS PLAY WAS A
GREAT SUCCESS

The Junior play, "Headstrong Joan"
which was given Friday night at the
High school auditorium, was a great
success. The play was largely at-
tended both in the afternoon, when
a matinee for the school children was
held, and evening. The proceeds net-
ted the Juniors \$50.

The scene of the play took place
in a country village fifty miles from
Boston, where Jim Day, a prosperous
merchant, resided with his aged mo-
ther. The part of Jim Day was taken
by Elmer Fenton, the remainder of
the cast was as follows:

Aura Vernon—A School teacher...El-
len Gothro
Richard Randall—Jim Day's Foster
son...Alva Stephan
Granny Day—Jim Day's aged mo-
ther...Dorothy May
Honora—The Irish housekeeper...Mar-
garet Larson
Rosie—One of Aura's pupils...Cor-
rine Sheldon
Abie—A peddler...Theodore
Wheeler
Ike—His son...Donald Kuiv-
enen
Jack Day—Jim Day's son...Stanley
Stephan
Joan—Van Pelt—Sailing under false
colors...Pauline Lietz

Every member of the cast took
their parts well. Abie, the peddler,
which part was played by Theodore
Wheeler, and his son Ike, played by
Donald Kuivenen, kept the audience
laughing. Miss Stinchcomb, class ad-
visor, who directed the play, deserves
much credit for the splendid success
of it.

An Englishman says that British
women are growing prettier all the
time. This isn't true of the American
girls. There isn't any room for im-
provement.

The Christmas Store
Gifts for Everybody

Toys of all kinds. A nice line of those that
perform after being wound up.

Dolls, tables and chairs, doll buggies.

Wagons and tricycles.

Sleds and Skiis. Something new—Hockey
Sticks.

Our line of tree trimmings is most complete,
in fact the nicest and largest line we have
ever had.

Wrapping paper, tags, cards and cords to tie
parcels with.

Fancy dishes and novelties for the ladies.

Don't forget we have a full line of Christmas
candy.

E. E. BUGBY
NOTION STORENow Enjoys Eating,
Thanks His Wife

"For years I suffered with stomach
trouble. Then, my wife got me to
take Adlerika. Today, I feel fine and
eat what I like."—Wm. Opp.
Adlerika relieves stomach gas and
sourness in TEN minutes. Acting on
BOTH upper and lower bowel, it re-
moves old waste matter you never
thought was in your system. Let Ad-
lerika give your stomach and bowels
a REAL cleansing and see how much
better you will feel. It will surprise
you! Mac & Gidley, Druggists.

The number of automobiles is in-
creasing by leaps and bounds and pe-
destrians are surviving the same way.
—Arkansas Gazette.

FOUND—A child's home knit mitten
for the left hand. Owner call at
Avalanche office for it.

FOR RENT—Light. housekeeping
rooms, bedroom heated. Call at
the Avalanche office. eg.

It is estimated that there are 5,000-
000 illiterates in the United States,
and, strange to say, not more than
2,000,000 of them are writing popular
songs.—Louisville Times.

Remember
DEC. 15
10 Days
to Christmas

Buy Christmas Seals

Invest in health.

Olaf Sorenson & Sons

Sportsmen's Headquarters

GRAYLING, MICH.

PHONE 1054

LOCAL NEWS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1927

Gifts for all ages at the L. J. Kraus
Hardware.

Sale at the Economy Store will
continue until Dec. 24th.

T. E. Douglas, local Nash dealer
has taken over the agency for Stewart
trucks along with his Nash line.

Mrs. Tolfree, wife of John Tolfree,
well known banker of West Branch
passed away Monday at her home fol-
lowing a stroke of paralysis. The
Tolfrees are old residents of Ogema
county.

There will be a Christmas dancing
party Thursday evening, December
22nd at Temple Theatre. Music by
the International Five, better known
as McNeven's orchestra. Everybody
welcome.

The children up to 12 years old of
St. Mary's parish will be guests of
the Altar society at the American
Legion hall next Tuesday evening at
a Christmas party. There will be
games and other entertainment.

Former patrons of the Finnish
bath house, will be glad to know that
it has been reopened for business at
the home of Adam Hirdeline on the
South Side. Mr. Hirdeline has had
the bath house all repaired and re-
modeled and installed some new fix-
tures.

Don't forget Dr. Davis' health talk
at the High school auditorium, Tues-
day evening, Dec. 20th. Dr. Davis
is director of hygiene of the State
Department of Health, Lansing. The
lecture will start at 7:30 and is free,
and in the afternoon of December 20
he will conduct a free examination at
the school to as many children as
time will permit.

Call in and look over our Holiday
goods. L. J. Kraus Hardware.

Save by paying your taxes before
January 10th, as at that time the fee
will be 4% instead of 1%.

Alfred Hanson, Township Clerk.

Celebrate the yuletide season by
attending the Christmas dancing
party at the Temple theater, Thurs-
day evening, December 22. The In-
ternational Five will play.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Jarmin are
enjoying a visit from the former's
parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Jarmin of
Bay City, who arrived yesterday and
will be their guests for several days.

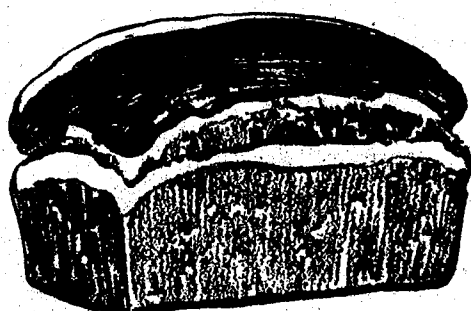
Mrs. Carl Englund and Mrs. Axel
Peterson entertained the ladies of the
Woman's Home Missionary society
on Wednesday p. m. The topic for
discussion, the early missionary ef-
forts of the church, was ably pre-
sented by Mrs. T. L. Peterson.

The ladies of the Bridge Club were
guests of Mrs. C. R. Keyport Satur-
day afternoon at a very lovely lunch-
eon. The long table was beautifully
decorated with a silver basket filled
with baby breaths. Mrs. Robert Rea-
gan held the high score for bridge.
Mrs. J. K. Hanson was a guest of
the club.

William Leng has purchased the
John Parsons store building at Fred-
eric, the deal being closed last Satur-
day. Mr. Parsons has operated an
up-to-date general store in Frederic
for years, and enjoyed a fine trade.
He is closing out his stock and Mr.
Leng intends to turn the building
into a garage.

At the regular meeting of the
Women's Auxiliary at the American
Legion hall Tuesday evening the an-
nual election of officers took place,
the following having been chosen to
fill the various offices: President,
Mrs. Wilfred Laurant; first vice
president, Mrs. Neil Matthews; sec-
ond vice president, Miss Anna Peter-
son; secretary, Mrs. Emil Niederer;
treasurer, Mrs. Harry Sorenson;
chaplain, Mrs. Leo Jorgenson; ser-
geant-at-arms, Mrs. Adolph Peterson.
Following the business session, a de-
licious pot luck lunch was served,
this feature being in honor of Mrs.
Laurant, who was presented with a
beautiful wedding gift from the mem-
bers of the Auxiliary.

Have You Tried Our New Loaf?



And you will like our
Pies, too.

We have just taken over the
Cassidy Bakery

and we want the people to come in and try our baked goods.

Specials—Salt Rising Bread Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
Danish Rolls Tuesdays and Fridays.

Ask your dealer for Blue Bird Bread. If he hasn't got it, come to the
Bakery. You will find our Fresh Cakes and Fried Cakes to be fine.

MODEL BAKERY

A. R. CRAIG, Prop.

Phone 162

Turkeys
Chickens and Meats
for Christmas

Bring your Christmas dinner meats
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Phone 126

Please put your orders in early.

Farm Bureau Notes

R. D. Bailey, Co. Agricultural Agent



"Our civilization rests at bottom on the wholesomeness, the attractiveness, the completeness, as well as the prosperity, of life in the country."—Theodore Roosevelt.

Good Sign, Good News.

To those who have wondered if there would ever come a time when it could be definitely said: "This is a bushel of No. 1 potatoes," "This is a ton of No. 1 hay," "This is a pound of No. 1 honey," "This is a dozen of standard eggs," etc., through the many commodities that we are going to get a certain quality of goods, and find that we get an inferior quality, only to be told that it is a matter of difference of opinion between buyer and seller.

The days of the produce cheat, shyster and shortweight expert are drawing to a close. State inspectors are constantly traveling about the state, testing scales and measures. The United States Department of Agriculture has for several years been working on the determination

of what shall be legal standards and grades for many commodities of common sale and purchase. After much investigation and many conferences it has been determined what shall be a pound of good butter, cheese, cotton, tobacco, poultry, etc., through a long list.

This effort of the U. S. Department of Agriculture has enabled buyer and seller, in all parts of the United States, to speak a common language, as it were. Now, when we speak of a bushel of U. S. No. 1 potatoes, for instance, it means definite things that are specifically mentioned in the regulations. When a car of hay is sold as U. S. No. 1, timothy, there are definite characteristics that that hay must possess, or the seller is liable for fraud.

Circular No. 8

Write to Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. and ask for Circular No. 8, "National Standards for Farm Products," and you will receive a 50-page pamphlet on the subject. Or, better, write your representative in Congress addressing him

as: "Hon. Roy O. Woodruff, Washington, D. C., House of Representatives," and ask for the above circular. He can help you get many other things.

Michigan Farmer's Recently states that the farmer would send five cents each to cover the cost of mailing to Martha Cole, Desk M, "Michigan Farmer," Detroit, Michigan, they would send a bulletin on "How to Preserve Meats," and "Tested Recipes for Michigan" serve potatoes in more than fifty ways.

Swine Bulletin Going Good

I have had to send to the college again and again for new supplies of the short, helpful bulletin on "Swine Feeding," as so many of our farmers ask for copies.

This bulletin of only 12 pages certainly contains a lot of ideas on successful swine feeding. It shows just the right ration to use for pigs 30 to 50 pounds in weight; for those from 50 to 100 pounds; for potatoes 100 to 150 pounds; for hogs 150 to 225 pounds; rations for sows with nursing pigs; rations for mature sows.

The author states that there is nothing gained by slow feeding and growing, but that it is a more expensive way; that a hog should gain 1 1/4 pounds a day; that "a supply of minerals should be kept before swine at all times."

One mineral mixture is made up in the proportion: wood ashes, 100 pounds; acid phosphate, 100 pounds; salt, 1 pound. The county agent can tell you where to get the acid phosphate.

You may have a copy of this bulletin if you want.

Home-Made Lime Sower
The Department of Farm Mechanics at our Agricultural College worked out plans for a home-made lime sower, several years ago.

The department has steadily improved these plans, and allows anyone who wishes to copy the pattern, and to make their own lime sower.

I secured a few copies of the bulletin that shows the dimensions of the sower and just how to make one.

It hooks onto the rear end of the wagon box, does not injure box nor wagon, and can be made this winter by any handy farmer who would like to save the \$45 to \$50 that factory-made spreaders cost.

Crawford County Farm Names
Already some of our neighbors have selected farm names. We print this list as a starter, not claiming that it is absolutely without omissions. We hope to hear soon from those whose names are omitted. We think it is altogether too modest for a farmer to say, when asked to name the farm: "I'll name it when I get things looking better." Name the farm and live up to the name.

Cosmopolitan Farm—E. J. Richards.

Westgate Farm—Richard Babbitt.

Bonnie Brae—H. A. McMillan.

Edgewater-on-AuSable—Mrs. John G. Stephens.

Woodlawn Farm—Wm. A. Dixon.

Oak Grove Farm—Charles Corwin.

Edgewood Farm—A. J. Nelson.

Oak Ridge Farm—Elmer Ostrander.

Wash-ka-da—Dan Babbitt.

Birchwood—R. A. Stevens.

Killarney Farm—Myrtle J. Wright.

Longview Farm—John Floeter.

Willow Valley Farm—Wm. Floeter.

South Branch Ranch—Harry Souders.

Level Acres—O. B. Scott.

County Line Farm—John McGillis.

Maple Grove Farm—George Annis.

Beechwood Farm—Andrew Mortenson.

Pine Crest Farm—John R. Skingsley.

Pleasant Valley Farm—Mrs. John Love and Wm. Love.

Maple Isle Farm—H. J. Heidemann.

The Evergreens—Hugo Schreiber, Jr.

Beaver Brook Farm—George Wolf.

Pinehurst Farm—L. B. Merrill.

Wildwood Farm—A. Fred Nephew.

Evergreen Farm—Joe Duby.

Pine Grove Farm—Mrs. Jesse Duffell.

Wayside Garden Farm—Theodore Leslie.

Go to Your Printer

Go to your printer and arrange for the printing of at least 200 sheets of good paper with 100 envelopes with the farm name on each in small, tasty type.

Christmas Present

Make the farm a Christmas present of a good name. Make the husband or wife a Christmas present of an outfit of good stationery bearing the farm name.

The County agent is willing to assist in the selection of good names for farms.

Why Name the Farm?

Why name the farm? What good will it do? We might answer this question by asking another: Since we name our horses and our cows why not name our homes? Our homes, and especially our farm homes which seem almost a sacred spot, screened from a sometimes all-too-curious world, become to us more than merely so many acres. They seem almost a part of ourselves, especially if we, or our fathers, have lived long upon the same spot. Or it may be that a young couple is establishing a new home. As they plan and plan, and pay, unconsciously but surely working into the place their own personalities, it is natural and well that they should come to want to give it a name, that it may mean still more to them, and, as the years go by, to theirs.

There are many reasons why the farm should have a name. The farm name, promotes pride, appeals to the sentiment, lends dignity, fosters individuality, is valuable as a means of identification, and is a real business asset.

It is surprising how rapidly and how generally farm names become known. The public is quick to familiarize itself with these names, especially if the owner puts on the barn or front fence, or over the front gate a neat sign bearing the farm name, as we see a few in our county.

"Elm View Farm," on the arch over the front gate on the Wm. G. Feldhauser farm certainly appeals to the eye.

Somewhere, on every box, basket, crate, package, can of milk or cream, package of butter or cottage cheese, should be stamped, stenciled or printed the farm name. If, for instance, a farmer is working to build up a trade in country hams, somewhere on

each ham or on the package in which it is delivered, the farm name should be printed or stenciled. The same is true of choice eggs or butter. This is especially true of Crawford County, in which our farmers have such a good chance to supply the large number of tourists and resorters.

We have no doubt that select goods, put up in neat packages, bearing the farm name, would bring more sales to tourists and resorters in summer, but would open up large winter sales by parcel post to these same people.

Choosing the Farm Name
Taste and ability should be shown in choosing the farm name. It should be appropriate and express beauty, dignity and individuality. Never should it be such as to cheapen the place. Those who named their farms "Grindstone Ridge" or "Possum Hollow" did not strain their thinkers very hard. The name should dignify and endear. "Home Acres" or "Middlebrook" would have been better. A family named Shipp cleverly named their cottage on Otsego Lake "The Moorings." Another cottager there gracefully named her summer home "Heart's Desire." "Larkins Keep-sake Farm" is widely known in southwestern Michigan as the home of the Larkins family for several generations.

Advertising the Farm
We never know a family to select an appropriate name for the farm without feeling new pride in that farm, and in the behavior of the family. All of us farmers should not only put up a neat farm sign, but should have envelopes and letter paper bearing the farm name in small neat, refined type. We have seen farm letter heads that were fairly coarse and blatant on account of type being used being more suitable for auction bills. Having envelopes and papers neatly printed with the farm name, the postoffice and the proprietor's name is not "too tony" nor "too fine haired." It denotes self respect. More and more we farmers need to write letters, and should write them well, on choice stationery. Such letters denote the man more than some think. A farmer is a manufacturer. Other manufacturers would not last long their advertising letters looked like some that we farmers send out.

The writer of this column has, more than once, refused to look farther into the merits of blooded pigs, cows, bulls, heifers and calves as well as seed grains, because of the appearance of the man on the street, his team and wagon or of his letter. One knows instinctively that a man whose appearance is such as if his rig is such, or his correspondence is so slovenly, cannot possibly have any thing of real quality to sell.

GOODBYE OLD TROLLEY CAR
By Erwin Greer
(President Greer School of Electrical and Automotive Trades, Chicago, Ill.)

If you see a street car galloping down the track some evil day with an airplane proper in front, a submarine periscope on top, an anchor at the back and the motorman wearing spurs, don't ask "What's the matter with the movies?" The strange creature may be a new development in local transportation.

There is a new transportation creation that will be let out of its cage soon. It is a double-deck gasoline-electric bus. The six-cylinder gasoline engine under the hood runs an electric generator. The generator supplies power to two electric motors which drive the rear wheels. Gear shifting is eliminated and speed is gradually and smoothly increased by pressure on a foot throttle.

The bus will be given a thorough test. It remains to be seen what it will do. It may be the cat's whiskers and again it may be the elephant's eyebrows. Anyway, it indicates the willingness of the companies to keep pace with the latest developments of the transportation industry.

France and Great Britain are far in advance of all other European countries in motor bus transportation, and between them account for 70 per cent of all the busses in Europe. Paris and London are naturally the great centers of bus traffic. It being estimated that there are 20,000 busses of various kinds in the former city and about half that number in the latter. The traffic problem in London, because of the motor busses has become a most difficult one. More busses are needed to handle the enormous passenger traffic but at the same time each additional bus helps to increase the congestion.

Great Britain's motor-bus service now practically covers the entire country, it being possible to traverse length and breadth of the island without resorting to other means of transport. French development of the bus service, aided by public encouragement and government subsidies, has also been remarkable.

American-made busses are very much in evidence in Sweden, accounting for about 9 per cent of the total number in operation.

From Russia to Spain, a study of the report reveals, the motor bus is coming to the fore as a means of transport. In some countries the large railroads are making use of it as part of their feeder systems. Londonderry, the second city of Northern Ireland, has completely abandoned its street cars and replaced them with motor busses. The American chassis, principally of the lighter types, is found in practically all European countries. Most of these countries, however, find it more economical to have the bus bodies manufactured locally. The American deluxe bus has not yet made its appearance in Europe on a larger scale.

Works Hard, Dances, Gains 3 Lbs a Week
"I work hard, dance and have gained 3 pounds a week since taking Vinol. My nervousness is almost all gone."—Mrs. F. Lang.

Vinol is a delicious compound of cod liver peptone, iron, etc. Nervous, easily tired, anemic people are surprised how Vinol gives new pep, sound sleep and a BIG appetite. The very first bottle often adds several pounds weight to thin children or adults. Tastes delicious. Mac & Gidley, Druggists.

Of course no candidate wants to be drafted for office. Why not soften it a little by using the word conscription?

NEW PICK UP



He—My new car has a wonderful "pick up."
She—Yeh! I saw you with a strange girl today.

SAD CASE OF LOVE



Sister—Do you love me more than anyone else, Bobbie?
Bobbie—Sure.
Sister—Then go out when Tom calls tonight.
Bobbie—Then you don't love me as much as I love you.

CHANGED HER MIND



Miss Gassaway (highly informed and talkative)—As I have tried to convince you before, Mrs. Blank, man never descended from a dumb animal. Mrs. Blank—I used to think he did, Miss Gassaway, but I've changed my belief since I met you.

NOT LIKELY NOTICED



Reggie—By Jove, I simply laughed my head off.
Miss Sharpe—Well, don't say anything about it and nobody will suspect you've had such an accident, Mr. Sapp.

SOFT JOB



"What does he do?"
"He's employed as traveling companion to Reggie Capp."
"Soft job."

DOUBTING HIS JUDGMENT

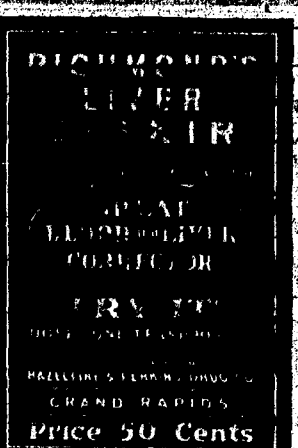


Sire—Remember, my son, in all your dealings honesty is the best policy.
Son—But, dad, have you tried it enough to be sure?

Only True Happiness

Consciousness of all happiness, for riches, power, rank or whatever, in the common acceptance of the word, is supposed to constitute happiness, is never quiet, much less cure, the inward pangs of guilt.—Lord Chesterfield.

Buy 2 pks. KOTEX and get one FREE. Price for deal 98c.—Central Drug Store.



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STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the Village of Grayling in said County, on the 5th day of December A. D. 1927.

Present: Hon. George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Peter Jensen, deceased.

Annie Sorenson Administratrix having filed in said Court her final and annual account as such Administratrix of said estate, and her petition praying for the allowance thereof.

It is ordered, that on Tuesday the third day of January A. D. 1928, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account.

It is further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avanceer, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

GEORGE SORENSON, Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
GEORGE SORENSON, Judge of Probate.

12-8-3

TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF ANY AND ALL INTERESTS IN OR LIENS UPON THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED:

Take notice that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed or deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a reconveyance thereof at any time within six months after return of service of this notice upon payment to the undersigned or to the Register in Chancery of the County in which the land lies, of all sums paid upon such purchase together with one hundred per centum additional thereto, and the fees of the Sheriff for the service of the fees of publication of this notice, or cost of publication of this notice, to be computed as upon personal service of a declaration as commencement of suit, and the further sum of five dollars for each description, without other additional cost or charges. If payment as aforesaid is not made, the undersigned will institute Proceedings for possession of the land.

Description of Land:

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Crawford,

The south half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 34, town 25N, range 3W.

Amount paid: \$21.25, tax for year 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921.

Paid as condition of purchase: \$3.36 tax for year 1923.

Paid as condition of purchase: \$3.04 tax for year 1924.

Paid as condition of purchase: \$2.43 tax for year 1925.

Paid as condition of purchase: \$2.93 tax for year 1926.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$38.01 plus the fees of the Sheriff.

Olaf Ogren. Place of business, Roscommon, Michigan.

To Frank Ellicott, last grantee in the regular chain title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

Troy Land Company, last grantee under State Homestead tax deed, appearing of record in said registry of deeds.

Lyman Dewey, mortgagee named in all undischarged recorded mortgages.

12-8-4

TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF ANY AND ALL INTERESTS IN OR LIENS UPON THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED:

Take notice that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed or deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a reconveyance thereof at any time within six months after return of service of this notice upon payment to the undersigned or to the Register in Chancery of the County in which the land lies, of all sums paid upon such purchase, together with one hundred per centum additional thereto, and the fees of the Sheriff for the service of the fees of publication of this notice, or cost of publication of this notice, to be computed as upon personal service of a declaration as commencement of suit, and the further sum of five dollars for each description, without other additional cost or charges. If payment as aforesaid is not made, the undersigned will institute Proceedings for possession of the land.

Description of Land:

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Crawford,

Northeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of Sec. 28, Town 25N, Range 2W.

Amount paid: \$6.38, tax for year 1923.

East 1/2 of Southeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of Sec. 28, Town 25N, Range 2W. Amount paid: \$4.60, tax for year 1923.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$31.96 plus the fees of the Sheriff.

Enoch W. Turner. Place of business, Roscommon, Michigan.

To Charles Reed, last grantee in the regular chain title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records of the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

James T. Utter holder of tax deed interest and Walter Jorgenson, grantee under the tax deed issued by the Auditor General for the latest year's taxes appearing of record in said registry of deeds.

12-8-4

ORDER ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF ACT 230 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1925, PROHIBITING THE USE OF A SPEAR IN TAKING FISH IN THE INLAND LAKES OF THE STATE.

State of Michigan) ss

County of Ingham)

The Director of Conservation, having made a thorough investigation relative to fishing conditions in the State, recommends certain regulations.

THEREFORE, the Conservation Commission by authority of Act 230 of the Public Acts of 1925, hereby orders that it shall be unlawful to use a spear in taking any kind of fish from the rivers and streams within the boundaries of the State, excepting from such rivers and streams or parts of rivers and streams designated or to be designated as non-trout streams by the Conservation Commission, for a period of five years from January 1st, 1928, under penalties provided by Section 5 of Act 230 of the Public Acts of 1925.

Signed, sealed, and ordered published this third day of November, 1927.

George R. Hogarth, Acting Director, Department of Conservation.

Conservation Commission by: Howard B. Bloomer, Chairman.

J. Russell Jontz, Secretary. 12-8-3

ORDER ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF ACT 230 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1925, REGULATING FISHING IN THE INLAND LAKES OF THE STATE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE FIRST DAY OF APRIL 1928

State of Michigan) ss

County of Ingham)

The Director of Conservation, having made a thorough investigation of fishing conditions in the inland lakes of the State, recommends certain regulations.

THEREFORE, the Conservation Commission by authority of Act 230 of the Public Acts of 1925, hereby orders that for a period of five years from the first day of April, 1928, until the fifteenth day of June, inclusive, of each year, it shall be unlawful to take any kind of fish in any manner from the inland lakes of the State, excepting Lake St. Clair, which is one of the connecting waters between Lake Huron and Lake Erie, under penalties provided by Section 5, Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1925.

Signed, sealed, and ordered published this third day of November, 1927.

George R. Hogarth, Acting Director, Department of Conservation.

Conservation Commission by: Howard B. Bloomer, Chairman.

J. Russell Jontz, Secretary. 12-8-3

STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the Village of Grayling in said County, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1927.

Present: Hon. George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Edward S. Houghton deceased.

Blanche Houghton having filed in said court her petition praying that the administration and settlement of said estate be granted to said Blanche Houghton or to some other suitable person.

It is ordered, that the third day of January A. D. 1928, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avanceer, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

GEORGE SORENSON, Judge of Probate.

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12-1-3

DIRECTORY
BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL PROBATE COURT

Crawford County, Mich.
Sessions:—First and Third Monday of every month.

Hours:—9:00 to 11:00 a. m., and 1:30 to 5:00 p. m.

Any information and first Proceeding in connection with this Court will be had at my office at Sorenson Bros.

GEORGE SORENSON, Judge of Probate

BANK OF GRAYLING
Successor to Crawford County Exchange Bank

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Phone No. 1.



donkey and the eagle seem to be traveling toward extinction.

Pittsburgh scientists exhibited the picture "The Gorilla" to an audience of monkeys and were disappointed because the monkeys did not get excited. Why so? The audience could see all the monkeys it wanted to at home.

A runaway taxicab created a lot of excitement in Broadway the other evening. But a taximeter running away is quite a common sight.

There is something about that alliance of Italy and Albania that seems to remind us of the cat and the canary.

There is one thing to be said in favor of the Eighteenth Amendment. Everybody knows it is there.

There are said to be 32,000 bars in Paris. Wonder where they got all the brass railings?

An Englishman has invented a boat that cannot be capsized. Here will be a nice Christmas present for the fellow who likes to rock 'em.

Most of the fellows who are advocating a reduction of the tariff to aid the farmers don't want to help the farmers nearly so much as they do the importers.

Remember the good old Puritan days when the fellow who played penny ante and smoked cigarettes was regarded as something of a devil?

The season of the year is approaching when the internationalists will begin to suggest that Uncle Sam ought to be playing Santa Claus to the rest of the world.

Old Man Noah would have had less trouble recovering from his flood if he had had Secretary Hoover with him.

If the Mexican government is not affiliated with the Russian Soviet it has at least been able to secure the unqualified support of the reds and pinks in the United States.

New York City now has five cent movies once more on the lower East Side. If Governor Smith puts a five cent movie plank in his platform he's going to be hard to head off.

Just because a skull found in Arizona is a half-inch thick, scientists believe it is thousands of years of age. Not necessarily.—Atlanta Constitution.

Whatever work he takes up in the future, President Coolidge will have little trouble getting a recommendation from his previous employer.—Toledo Blade.

School Notes

Editors: Marius Hanson, Isbrand Harder, Ellen Speck.

Our Debating team went to Standish Friday to uphold the affirmative. Although Standish won unanimously, the judges admitted that the subject of debate gave the negative team an advantage and that it was a close vote.

A representative of the Curtis Publishing Co., has again visited us with their plan of raising money for our athletic association. For each subscription to any one of their publications that we secure, our Athletic association gets fifty cents. The high school was divided into two teams, the "Reds" and the "Greens", for a contest to secure subscriptions. The contest ended Monday with the "Greens" in the lead.

The Junior play "Headstrong Joan" which was given Friday night was a great success. The action was fine and each one knew his part well. The class cleared about fifty dollars.

Landlady—"I think you had better board elsewhere."

Boarder—"Yes, I often had."

Landlady—"Often had what?"

Boarder—"Had better board elsewhere."

Charles—"Say Fenton, have you heard about Kenneth? He went to Chicago and went into the jewelry business and made forty thousand dollars in six months."

Elmer—"I don't believe that."

Charles—"Here comes Isbrand, ask him if that isn't so."

Elmer—"Charles was just telling me that Kenneth went to Chicago and made forty thousand in the

jewelry business in six months. Is that right?"

Isbrand—"Well, it's all right but the details."

Charles—"What do you mean, the details?"

Isbrand—"Just this. In the first place it wasn't Kenneth it was Kendal and he didn't go to Chicago, he went to Cheboygan. And it wasn't the jewelry business, it was the Real estate business and it wasn't six months, it was six weeks and he didn't make forty thousand dollars, he lost it."

Kieth W.—"I slept like a log last night."

Mutt—"Yes, like a log with a saw going through it."

The pessimist reminds us that the lily belongs to the onion family, while the optimist reminds us that the onion belongs to the lily family.

Frederic School Notes

Editor—Mary Bender
Assistant—Doris Corsaut.

As a Man Thinketh

"If you think you are beaten, you are."

If you think you dare not, you don't!

If you'd like to win but think you can't!

It's almost certain you won't!

If you think you'll lose, you've lost!

For out in the world we find Success begins with a fellow's will.

It's all in the state of mind. Life's battles don't always go to the strongest or fastest man!

But soon or late the man that wins is the one who thinks he can."

We are all busy getting ready for semester "exams". The Physics class has been reviewing all of the work from the beginning of the book. They made a special study of music last week.

The teachers have the "holiday" spirit and are making arrangements for a Christmas program to be given December 23rd. Everyone is given a cordial invitation to attend.

A representative, from Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, gave an interesting talk to the Senior class Wednesday morning.

Mr. Payne—"The only difference between my music and that of the 'Pied Piper of Hamelin' is that his brought the people to him and mine drives them all away."

Wanted—Someone to help Mr. Hall and Ralph keep the place in their Economy books. Also—Rocking chairs for the class room so Keith will have more conveniences.

Mr. Payne—"What is a meteor?"

Ethel Wixson—"It's some kind of a bird."

Our book of "Club Songs" came Monday. They are just the thing to liven up our meetings.

Mr. Payne (in Physics Class)—"Ralph tell me what you can about beats."

Ralph—"There are two kinds, sugar beats and dead beats."

We regret that we have no Intermediate notes this week, owing to the illness of the teacher, Mrs. O'Dell. We hope to have her with us after Christmas.

Primary Notes

Our notes will be very few this week as we are putting a lot of time on our Christmas program.

Alfred Wilcox was a visitor Tuesday afternoon.

We drew names to exchange Christmas gifts.

We regret that Grace Harmen can not be with us now. She was a faithful little worker and we miss her in all Third Grade work.

Quite a few came to school Tuesday with wet feet owing to the change in the weather.

Esther Barber, teacher.

The Lake City Plain Dealer says a letter from the conservation director to Henry Miltner, prosecuting attorney, states that the attorney general has ruled that loaded rifles found in cars cannot be confiscated, as the law does not specifically provide for such action. A number of guns were seized during the hunting season by state police, acting under orders of conservation officers, who were misinformed as to the law. Special directions have been issued for the return of guns taken from several hunters in that vicinity.

FOR SALE—Two cows. Inquire of C. Forbush, Frederic. 12-12-1-pd.

FOR SALE—Kalamazoo hard coal burner and a Commodore. Ben Landsburg. Inquire at home of Bert Defrain. 12-15-3

FOR SALE—One horse sleigh in good condition. Andrew Jensen, or inquire at Avalanche office. 12-8-3

FOUND—Luggage carrier on Kalamazoo road Dec. 7. Call for same at this office.

FOR SALE—ONE HEATING STOVE in perfect condition, and one kitchen range. Inquire of Mrs. Frank L. Beckman.

HOUSEWORK WANTED—Will do any kind of housework or cleaning. Mrs. Minnie Davis, Norway St., second house from Burke's Garage. 12-8-1—pd.

FOUR GASOLINE ENGINES FOR Sale—1½, 2½, 7 and 22 horse power, respectively. All engines in first class condition. Bargains if sold at once. Wm. Moshier.

WORK WANTED—Housework wanted by Mrs. Wm. Brado.

FOR RENT—House and garage, electric lights. Inquire of Adler Jorgenson.

FURNITURE REPAIRING AND upholstering, and general repairing in all lines of wood or metal work, chair caning and electrical repairing. J. G. Leverson, DuClos house, Norway street.

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Mr. Payne—"What is a meteor?"

Ethel Wixson—"It's some kind of a bird."

Our book of "Club Songs" came Monday. They are just the thing to liven up our meetings.

Mr. Payne (in Physics Class)—"Ralph tell me what you can about beats."

Ralph—"There are two kinds, sugar beats and dead beats."

We regret that we have no Intermediate notes this week, owing to the illness of the teacher, Mrs. O'Dell. We hope to have her with us after Christmas.

Primary Notes

Our notes will be very few this week as we are putting a lot of time on our Christmas program.

Alfred Wilcox was a visitor Tuesday afternoon.

We drew names to exchange Christmas gifts.

We regret that Grace Harmen can not be with us now. She was a faithful little worker and we miss her in all Third Grade work.

Quite a few came to school Tuesday with wet feet owing to the change in the weather.

Esther Barber, teacher.

The Lake City Plain Dealer says a letter from the conservation director to Henry Miltner, prosecuting attorney, states that the attorney general has ruled that loaded rifles found in cars cannot be confiscated, as the law does not specifically provide for such action. A number of guns were seized during the hunting season by state police, acting under orders of conservation officers, who were misinformed as to the law. Special directions have been issued for the return of guns taken from several hunters in that vicinity.

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Editorial By
M. H. DePoe, in the
Charlotte Republican.

It would be interesting some time to see Mr. Average Citizen as concerned about his every day religion as he pretends to be when it becomes necessary to send for a minister to conduct a funeral in his household. Too many households never think of preachers and religion except in emergency cases. They treat the whole problem like they do the fire department except in the case of the church they seldom pay a dime towards its support. But they want both of them subject to call. Most people had a big dinner Thanksgiving day; took a nap and never gave a thought to the things they should be thankful for. We doubt it is a hundred people of this city of 1500 homes attended the union services of the churches called to make some gesture of Thanksgiving to the Divine Ruler of the Universe. Or put it this way. If some one in your household should die tonight what minister would you call? Then sit down and figure out how much you give to support this institution that you would call upon to serve you spiritually? Most of us would be ashamed to give out the figures. Look up your last summer's tax receipt and see what you paid toward the maintenance of the fire department. Then some time early in 1928 mail the church toward which you would be inclined if you needed a preacher between tomorrow and Sunday, a check for exactly this fire department item. It won't be much but it will be enough to justify your calling on the preacher of that particular church when you need him. You want this local spiritual protection than at least support it to the same financial extent you pay to maintain the fire department. Both plants, the fire house and the church have to do with your peace of mind. One is just as essential as the other. Are you paying your just share of the benefits? Resolutions will soon be in order. Make one and anything you decide to do along this line will add to your own self respect, which action is always to be desired.

"KEEP THE TEETH THERE,"
by Thomas Conlin in
Crystal Falls Diamond Drill.

Parole Commissioner Arthur D.

Wood, in an interview at Marquette last Friday, declared against any modification of the "Habitual Criminal" law. This is the law passed by the last legislature and which fixes a life sentence for a person convicted for the fourth time of crime in this state.

The first person to come under the arm of this law was a man at Lansing who had been sentenced to prison three times previous and came before an Ingham judge for sentence the fourth time. The charge in that case was the possession of a pint of gin. A hue and cry was raised against the severity of the law, a pint of gin being emphasized and the fourth conviction left out of the picture. It is reported that an organized effort is to be made to have the next legislature modify this law so as to take the teeth out of it.

Michigan has been writhing under the rule of the gangster, the gunman and the bandit for several years. The habitual criminal section was incorporated into the law to emancipate the state from this thralldom. In matters criminal it frequently happens that a lesser criminal suffers too severely because of the major criminal but they are all criminals in the eyes of the law, major or minor, and the fact that a person comes before a court for the fourth time convicted of an act that carries with it a prison sentence is of itself evidence that such a person is not a wholesome addition to society. The law should stand as it is. Criminals have notice of its provisions and if they flaunt it they are not objects of sympathy.

As Commissioner Wood says, "it would be unfortunate if the teeth were taken out of the law by legislative modification. Gangsters and persons making crime their life's profession will keep out of Michigan as they are keeping out of New York, as long as we have this law and keep teeth in it. Already I have found in my work as parole commissioner, that the hardboiled criminals in our prisons are afraid of this law. They don't like it and they are watching closely the efforts to have it amended. Such a law is a pretty good club to hold over their heads."

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS

Who remembers the good old days when you could tell a Republican from a Democrat by the way they talked about the tariff?

Senator Dill says the thing for the Democrats to do is to nominate a candidate for President who will be strong enough to carry a Democratic Congress and Senate into power with him. Well, every Democratic county chairman knows that much.

It is said that Russia and Poland are getting ready to fight over Lithuania. We don't know how it will come out but we can make one safe prediction—either way it won't do Lithuania much good.

Democratic women don't like the donkey as a symbol and are advocating the adoption of the eagle. Why not use the automobile? Both the



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LOCAL NEWS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1927

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Walt motored to Detroit Thursday to spend a few days with relatives and friends.

Where do your \$'s go the farthest? Why, at the Economy Store of course.

I am collecting taxes at my office in my service station every day from 8:00 a. m. to 8:00 p. m.

Alfred Hanson, Twp. Treas.

The regular meeting of St. Mary's Altar society will be held at American Legion hall next Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 20. In the evening the ladies will entertain the children of the parish up to 12 years old at a Christmas party.

Sale still on at the Economy Store. Bargains in all lines.

Cochran Laverne Oshman is ill at Mercy hospital with tonsillitis.

Earle Hewitt was in Bay City the first of the week on business.

Be at the dance Saturday night at the Temple Theatre. Alumni Orchestra.

Miss Helga Jorgenson, a patient at Mercy hospital, is reported as getting along as well as can be expected.

Maurice Gorman who has been ill at his home for the past week, was taken to Mercy hospital Tuesday for examination and treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Graham returned from Detroit Tuesday where they have been visiting for the past few weeks with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Clarence Brown left for Bay City Tuesday where she will visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodruff for a few days.

Mrs. H. A. Pond left for Ann Arbor Monday night accompanying Mrs. Edith Cardwell to the University hospital where she will receive treatment.

Mrs. P. P. Mahoney and sons Tommy and Robert returned to their home in Bay City Friday after a few days visit with friends here. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Ambrose McClain, who will visit a few days at the P. P. Mahoney home.

Those that attended the dancing party at the Board of Trade Club last Thursday evening had the pleasure of dancing to music rendered by Grayling's new dance orchestra, the "Alumni", composed mostly of graduates of Grayling High school. This organization from all reports, is a peppy band and promises us good entertainment at our local dancing parties in the future.

Word has been received by friends of the marriage of Miss Estella Archambeau of Detroit to Dick Ichorn of Bay City, which took place at Bay City some time last week. Mrs. Ichorn is well known to Grayling residents having at one time attended the nurse's training school at Mercy hospital. The young couple expect to make their home in Bay City where Mr. Ichorn is employed for the Hiss Jewelry Company.

Try our Hot Chocolate with wafers and whipped cream. You will like it. Central Drug Store.

Shop early. It pays.

Mrs. Eabern Hanson is spending a few days in Detroit.

New Victor Records every Friday at Central Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gillett were in Gaylord on business Monday.

See the house slippers for father, mother and addies at the Economy Store from 49c to 88c.

Mr. W. W. Lewis, local freight agent, spent the week end at his home in Lansing.

Added attractions during intermission at the dance Saturday night at Temple Theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis of Iron River visited for a few hours with Miss Norma Burdett Friday.

Mrs. John Zeder returned from Bay City Wednesday where she has been visiting for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Feldhauser from the Ward Ranch at Frederic were Grayling callers Saturday.

Harry Reynolds left for Flint Sunday where he will be employed by the Fisher Body Works at that place.

Gordon Pond visited his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Pond, in Bay City from Saturday until Wednesday.

Russell Peterson, son of Mrs. John Benson, entered Mercy Hospital Monday for examination and treatment.

Peter Davidson returned from Bay City Tuesday after spending a few days visiting his family who reside there.

Mrs. John Benson is at her post at the Variety Store after being confined to her home the past week with tonsillitis.

F. J. McClain returned from Detroit Monday where he had been spending a few days visiting relatives and friends.

The Christmas program of the Michelson Memorial church will be held on Thursday evening, Dec. 22nd at 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. Alonzo Collins left for Detroit the last of the week where she will enter Ford hospital for an operation and treatment.

M. A. Bates, Roy Milnes, Supt. B. E. Smith and Coach Levere Cushman, motored to Saginaw and Ann Arbor Friday on business.

Mrs. George N. Olson and Mrs. E. G. Clark returned from Detroit Monday after spending a few days in Saginaw and Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Clark and daughter Kathryn Price, visited at the George N. Olson home for a couple of days this week.

Miss Margaret Nelson returned from Grand Rapids where she had been spending the past week with her sister, Miss Anna Nelson.

Miss Geneva and John Flynn of Rose City, sister and brother of Mrs. Menno Corwin, and Miss Mildred Albertson, spent the week end visiting at the Menno Corwin home.

Miss Lucinda Collins left for Detroit Saturday to attend the funeral of her cousin Ezra Haines. Mr. Haines was a former resident of both Frederic and Grayling for years and was well known to many here.

Frederic has an independent basketball team this season, which is under the management of "Pete" Johnson. They played their first game Tuesday night defeating Vanderbilt. Johnson is a veteran player, and worked several years with the Grayling Independents and is a clever, fast player, and should give Frederic a team that will be hard to beat.

A visit to the Model Bakery found its new owner, A. R. Craig busy turning out a huge batch of bread. The hot loaves were coming from the ovens beautifully browned. Mr. Craig is proving himself to be a real baker and says he has worked at it all his life. He is putting a real improvement in the quality of his loaves and his pies and cakes are winning instant favor. He believes that Grayling will give him a good business provided he turns out the kind of baked goods the people want, and that is just what he intends to do. Whenever we buy bread at the stores let's ask for Grayling bread (with the Blue Bird Wrappers). And they are putting out much better pies than formerly and also real quality cakes. He will have salt rising bread on sale on Tuesdays and Fridays. Those of us who like that kind will be pleased to be able to get it here. On Wednesdays and Saturdays they will have Danish rolls. Let's show the new owner that the people appreciate good service.

Take your Prescriptions to Central Drug Store (Additional local news on last page)

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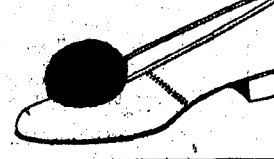
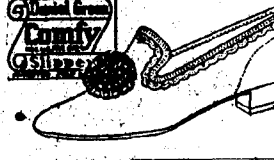
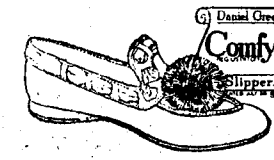
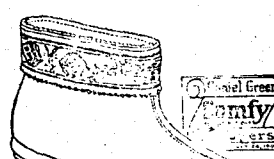
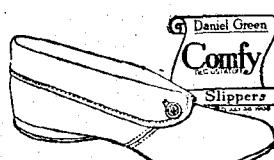
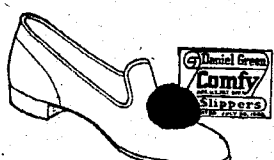
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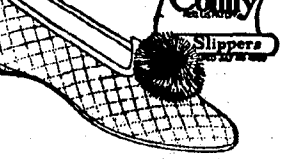
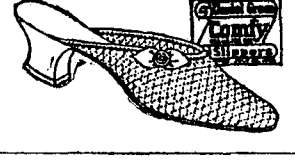
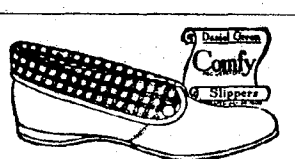
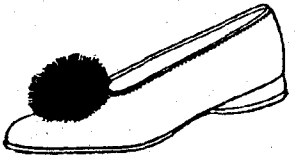
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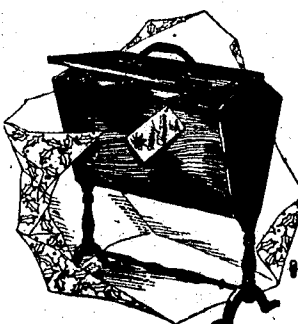
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Interesting Events In Grayling 25 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 25 YRS AGO.

Thursday, Dec. 11, 1907.

N. P. Olson made one of his flying trips to Saginaw last week.

Miss Emma Hanson spent last Thursday with friends in Gaylord.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Phelps returned from their eastern trip last Friday morning.

Miss Bertha Smith, the trimmer, will leave for her home in Ridgeport, Ont., about the 17th inst.

Mrs. D. M. Kneeland of Lewiston was the guest of Mrs. Woodworth and other friends here a few days last week.

Miss Anna Olson has returned home from her extended visit with relatives in Denver, Col., and reports a most enjoyable time.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bauman, Nov. 29th, a daughter.

A. Brink mourns the loss of a fine yearling. He got into the feed bin and made a glutton of himself and then a ghost.

Mrs. H. Pond returned from a very pleasant visit in Detroit, last Saturday. While she was gone the children were happy with Grandma Bates at the farm.

The hunting season closed with an unusual storm and an excellent tracking snow, not soon enough, however, to help the trying hunters any—most of them had pulled stakes before it came and went home deersless.

Rev. C. W. West, of Beaver Creek, lost four heads of fine stock last week, by the Paris Green route. They broke into the garden where a pair of the poison had been left.

At the regular business meeting of Y. P. S. C. E. the following officers were elected: President, Cora Wright; vice-president, Edna Wainwright; secretary, Hattie Blanshan; treasurer, Mary Miller.

The exhibits of fruit, grain and vegetables at the farmer's institute, last week, did not look as though the county was a barren waste. Fred Hoelsch had a sample of his creamery butter in a fiber package, which was highly commended.

A sentimental editor out in Kansas asks: "Are there any sweeter words in the English language than these: 'I love you?' Perhaps not; but the words: 'Here is that dollar I owe you for subscription' are not lacking in delightful enunciation to the ear of a newspaper man."

W. S. Chalker and family desire to publicly thank their neighbors for their kind attention and help, following the sad accident, resulting in the death of her brother, and especially to John Edmonds and his hired man, who remained with them during the night and rendered every assistance possible.

Frederic Items

The Frederic Dramatic Club played at Deward, last Saturday night, to a full house.

Mrs. Merrick, of Waters, a music teacher, visited in our town, last week with Mrs. Frank Bradley.

A ten pound baby boy gladdens the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. Banghart.

Dick Jacobs, of Frankfort, visited with old friends at E. McCracken's, last week.

One printer is prospering, it would appear, as he now employs a Devil.

Tom Brennan and family now call Deward their home. The firm of Brennan Brothers having dissolved partnership.

Our businessmen have at last, under the persuading powers of James Spencer, organized. Their first at-

tention should be given to the securing of water works, as we have no fire protection at present. Gentlemen, begin with what is needed most first.

There are a number who subscribed to the church building fund, who have not contributed in full. Rev. Willits would be glad to give you a receipt.

The Lady Macabees will give a dance and oyster supper, Christmas Eve, at the town hall, after the Christmas tree, if a tree is had.

Quite a number of our residents are on the sick list.

Mrs. Ida Sheldon is in Bay City for medical treatment, and is reported much improved.

WORD FROM HOME

If you have been away from home for any length of time you know how acceptable is a word from home. Can you imagine a more acceptable present for that absent relative or friend than the Avalanche, coming into his presence 52 times during the year, carrying to him all the news of the old home town?

And all that present costs one is \$2.50 for all this pleasure to the absent one.

Seven big distillers are going into a bourbon merger. Does this mean they are going to water their stock?

A LITTLE TALK ON THRIFT

(By S. W. Straus, President American Society for Thrift.)

At this time of year considerable attention is being given to charitable activities as well as to various thrift and welfare plans promulgated by business organizations to assist their employees. Every winter finds many who are worthy objects of charity.

Reverses come to all and those who are not prepared to withstand them must be helped by others. But where there is no actual need of assistance it is no kindness to anyone to make him an object of charity.

The finest service that any man or any business can render others is to help them help themselves. And it may be added with equal truth that in helping others we always help ourselves. Good deeds worthily bestowed are never lost in their effects upon the donor.

It is an indication of progress and broader viewpoints that business is learning these truths more and more. The time is within the memory of many of us when the watchword both of employer and employee to a considerable extent was—"get all you can from the other fellow." Today, notwithstanding occasional disturbances, a more liberal attitude exists on both sides. Employers have found that liberal and considerate treatment brings its rewards in better service, higher morale and greater loyalty. Employees find that there are always just rewards for those who are willing to do their work with whole heart and hand.

We believe these conditions will continue more and more. We are far from social and economic idealism but, through a broad application of the principals of thrift, we are working constantly in that direction.

Nothing an employer can do for his workers is of greater value to his own interests than to assist them in personal thrift. Nothing that the employee can do will more quickly develop efficiency and earn promotion than habits of thrift with all their stabilizing influences.

CHRISTMAS SEALS FIGHT T. B.

Residents of the state of Michigan paid on an average of five cents each in 1926 to help tuberculosis and thus aid in the promotion of public health. Michigan, which has the seventh largest income of any state in the union, ranked sixteenth in the United States in the per capita sale of Christmas seals during 1926.

While the Christmas seal sale last year fell below that of 1925 in that way preventing the entire program of anti-tuberculosis work planned for 1927 from being carried out, it is hoped that enough money will be obtained from the seal sale this year to carry on an especially intensive campaign for the early diagnosis of tuberculosis, as well as to continue the preventive work being done against the disease in this state. The state quota is \$250,000 this year.

Although the per capita average for the state as a whole was five cents many counties fell below this figure. Washtenaw county with a per capita sale of 10.45 cents ranked first in the state.

The per capita sale in Crawford county was .0209 in 1926.

ARABIAN NIGHTS TALES

(By E. M. T. Service)

"When you get back to your office," said a Detroit business man to a representative of the East Michigan Tourist Association the other day, "I wish you would express to your officers the fact that Detroit business men are appreciative of the great work you are doing in bringing residents of other states to this section of Michigan."

"I have been intending to write the association to express this appreciation. We business men here in Detroit realize that many residents of other states brought to Michigan through the East Michigan Tourist Association go through the gateway of Detroit."

"We know that many of them stay here for a day or several days of a week and leave hard cash in our town. We know they return home and tell others about our wonderful city."

"We know that when they shove off from Detroit for the sections farther north to spend their vacations they are helping Detroit too. For whatever contributes to the prosperity of any section of the state contributes to the prosperity of Detroit which is the metropolis."

"Detroit and Wayne county are not doing their share financially in the great work you are doing. I don't think I have been doing my share and I want to double my present subscription."

FINANCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL RESUME

(By William McMahon, President New York Institute of Financial Research, Inc.)

There are more unfavorable features in industry this week than last. Car loadings have shown quite a definite decline and steel operations are at the lowest ebb for the year. There is less promise in the automobile industry than there was a few months ago.

The probabilities are that General Motors Corporation is preparing to bring out a new six cylinder Chevrolet to sell for the same price as Ford's new model. If this is true, many of the motor manufacturing companies will suffer. Price wars are unhealthy in any given industry.

But the most unfavorable element is the likelihood of investigations and inquisitions during the present session of congress. If some of our investigators run amuck in the field of business, its effect will be one of general industrial depression.

There will be alternate declines and rallies in the stock market. A mixed sentiment prevails among traders and brokers. While the present has many unfavorable factors, yet there are leaders in industry who predict big things for the opening of 1928. This may be true. But we advise staying out of the market for the present.

HABITUAL CRIMINALS

Greenvillefolks have been arguing about the habitual criminal law which provides automatic life sentence for a person convicted of a fourth felony. Particular attention has been called to the new Michigan law by the life sentence of a man when his fourth felony chance to be possession of liquor.

Probably the impulse for passing such a law was given by the general feeling that courts cannot always be relied upon to do their duty. In Chicago the other day a gangster was freed although evidence placed on him guilt for a gun murder. In Mont-calm county, not many would believe an habitual criminal law is needed. It is no doubt a good thing for the state as a whole. Possibly there needs to be some limitation of those fourth felonies to the more serious ones.

Greenville Daily News.

The bull in the china shop has been superseded by the reckless automobile driver on the busy avenue.

Gulf Stream's Width

Put at Fifty Miles

The Gulf stream flows out of the Gulf of Mexico between the coast of Florida and the Bahamas and then northwesterly along the American coast. Its width in the narrowest portion, is about fifty miles; and its depth some 2,000 feet. After it has passed between the Bermudas and the coast of Carolina it is divided into several streams, about 100 fathoms deep and altogether 150 miles wide. Its temperature up to this point is several degrees warmer than that of the surrounding ocean.

Beyond the 40th parallel of north latitude and the meridian 80 degrees west, the Gulf stream can no longer be distinguished from the rest of the ocean drift by temperature, motion, color, saltness or otherwise. It has no further separate existence, but is lost in the general drift of warm water from the southwestern Atlantic toward Europe—a general phenomenon having little or nothing to do with the Gulf stream proper.

Combination More Than Fifty Per Cent Good

In a sketch of John Hay by Charles F. Thwing, president emeritus of Western Reserve university, included in his book, "Guides, Philosophers and Friends," is this Lincoln story told to Doctor Thwing by Hay:

"I know that most of the anecdotes told about Lincoln are apocryphal," said Mr. Hay, "but this one is true. In the campaign which led, as it proved, to his election, I was out with Mr. Lincoln on the 'stump.'"

"We had a reception given to us in one of the cities of our campaign. In the line there came up a man who, getting close to Mr. Lincoln, said:

"Mr. Lincoln, down our way, in Buffalo, we kind o' think if we can have you and God we can pull the old thing through."

"Getting close, himself," to the man, Mr. Lincoln replied:

"I kind o' think you are more than half right!"—Kansas City Star.

Blessing the Beasts

A quaint ceremony is that still obtaining in some parts of Normandy, the benediction des bestiaux. The oxen and the draft horses are assembled in front of the church. There may also be a bullock or two and perhaps some cows. The procession of peasants, clad in their very best, issues from the church to the sound of a chant that is droned by the priest.

The venerable cure sprinkles a few drops of water on the heads of the beasts and when all the animals have received the benediction the next feature of the ceremony is to place at the pedestal of the cross facing the church certain bundles tied in coarse linen. These bundles contain bread and salt, which are to be given to those beasts not able to attend the ceremony, says the Washington Star.

Power of Love

Once when John Ruskin and Thomas Carlyle were discussing the literature of their day, the latter said to his companion: "Can you tell me why it is that works on subjects of vital interest to the race, splendidly written by men of profound scholarship, command scarcely sufficient sale to pay the cost of publishing; while trashy novels, false to history, false to philosophy and false to the facts of human experience, and altogether lacking in literary merit, will sell by scores of thousands?"

After a short pause, Ruskin replied: "There is but one explanation of that fact, but the explanation is all-sufficient; the novel has love in it and the other has not."—Scribner's Magazine.

Good Idea

Copperscope had arrived home tired and hungry, but the beds had not been made and neither was there the faintest sign of any dinner. Presently he surprised his wife reading a novel in the drawing-room.

"Do you mean to say that dinner isn't ready?" he asked, with dangerous calm. "Very well, I'm going back to town to dine at the Criterion."

"Just wait five minutes," replied his wife, throwing aside her book.

"Will it be ready then?" he queried hopefully.

"No," was the cheerful answer; "but I'll come with you."

Bagpipes in Spain

Spectimens of bagpipes are found on old Spanish manuscripts. In the beautiful volume of the "Cantigas de Santa Maria," which was made in the thirteenth century of King Alfonso the Wise, there are 51 separate figures of musicians. These form an introduction to the canonicos. There are three pipers among them with bagpipes. Another Spanish manuscript of the end of the fifteenth century, illustrated by a Flemish artist for Queen Isabella, shows many musical instruments, among which are bagpipes.

Relic of Indian Art

A relief of the old Mathura school of Indian art is in the possession of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. It consists of a thin slab of red sandstone, carved on both sides. It is a pediment decorated with a repeating ornament of three varieties, the same on each side of the slab, and was probably part of the main or only entrance to a temple which may have been entirely of stone, but more likely of brick except for the doorway.

Liberia

The republic of Liberia has a population of about 2,000,000, all negroes, of whom nearly 20,000 are Afro-Americans. The civilized inhabitants number about 50,000, live near the coast and speak the English language.

Japanese farmers have started an insurrection, according to cable dispatches. Whether it is a genuine condition on the part of the Japanese farmers or not is not known.

Seaweed Harvest

Importance in Japan

Japanese soldiers do not give much trouble to the quartermaster's department. In the field they are capable of great endurance on a diet of dried rice, dried fish, dried seaweed, and pickled plums. The seaweed is wrapped round the rice and used as a "relish" to it. Given a dry fire, a stewpan, and the ration mentioned, they are perfectly content, whatever the weather and however long the marches.

Seaweed is grown specially for food purposes, being cultivated with as much care as any other crop. After the typhoon season, the women may be seen bearing great loads of young trees which have been stripped of their leaves, though all the small branches are left intact. These are drawn into the weed on the shore, acres of brushy saplings being arranged in long parallel rows where the tide ebbs over them twice daily.

Gradually the green fertile weed collects on the branches, and flourishes there until the farmers harvest it. It is then carefully picked over and dried for future use.

Curative Power Long Ascribed to Flowers

The forget-me-not was formerly known as a magic grass, because the flower buds were thought to resemble the coiled-up serpent, and our forefathers, believing in the doctrine of signatures, supposed this to indicate that they would cure venous stings, vying with the forget-me-not in the valley, which also blooms in May, and is indeed sometimes called the May-lily. In the old herbalist's heyday it seems also to have vied with the forget-me-not in curative properties. In the world of legend, however, the forget-me-not seems to have a distinct advantage, for whereas an angel scattered them for us, the lily of the valley sprang from the tears of a mere mortal, Eve, as she left the Garden of Eden.—Chicago Journal.

God's Greatest Gift

The Pull-Mat restaurant is a famous establishment in the Hay Market section of London. All prominent men and women go there at least once, it is only to inscribe their names in the "Album of the House." Patti was there once and wrote beneath her name: "A beautiful voice is one of God's highest gifts." Some time after Yvette Guilbert was there, and having read Patti's inscription wrote down: "An ugly, but expressive voice, is also one of God's highest gifts." She thought, no doubt, to have the last word. Chance would have it that Sir Rider Haggard dropped in one day at the Pull-Mat and started leafing the album. He smiled and in turn wrote something beneath his name. This was it: "Silence is God's greatest gift!"—Pierre Van Paassen, in Atlanta Constitution.

Philosogin

There is no peace in hymns of hate, nor in the road that isn't straight; there is no joy in lifting jobs nor in extrating hold up jobs; there is no gain in drilling holes in men and letting them out their souls. The good-for-nothing is great! Heap burning coals upon the pate of the guy who has done you dirt, and then stand back and watch it hurt! There may be profit in red gold, in robbing men; but when you're old, and you're lost even self-respect, you know indeed your life is wrecked, and all the schemes you've put across have brought you nothing else but dross. The good will of your fellow men and love are better than much yen, and peace, when life's noon turns to shade, beats all the kopecks ever made.—Judd Mortimer Lewis in the Houston Post-Dispatch.

Syrian Wedding Custom

An ancient Syrian custom which is sometimes observed even at the present time is the assumption by a newly married couple of a royal status. On the village threshing floor is placed a throne on which they are seated daily for seven days, during which time songs and hymns in their honor are sung and poems recited in praise of their beauty, etc. Some leading Biblical scholars have divided the Song of Solomon into seven sonnets or lyrics, which would furnish one for each day of the "King's week."

Language of Diplomacy

The French language was used extensively in Europe in the Twelfth and Thirteenth centuries. The French literature was greatly developed and spread throughout the various countries, and persons of culture studied the language in order to be able to read the literature. Many foreign students were attracted to the University of Paris, and this also helped to spread the language. As a language for treaties and foreign intercourse among nations, French became general in the time of Louis XIV.

Highly Dangerous

While two gay spirits were giving us an unusually hair-raising display of acrobatics at a recent flying pageant and to the lay eye seemed to be trying their best, with the aid of some five hundred or so of horse power, to tear the wings of their frail steeds of sticks and canvas, a solemn voice came through a loudspeaker:

"Would spectators be good enough to refrain from the highly dangerous practice of standing on their seats?"

Differs in Meaning

"Nag," the word used by us to describe a horse or a fault-finding woman, means to the natives of parts of India a snake god.

Highest Reward

The most agreeable recompense which we can receive for things which we have done, is to see them known, to have them applauded with praise which honors us.—Moline.

CHILDREN AND THE HOME

Home was once a haven of refuge where the family gathered each night around the sitting-room table to read, to discuss matters of mutual interest, to plan for the future, to confer over finance, religion, matrimony and amusement. These conferences, with their mutual confidences, tied the family circle into an unbroken whole, one for all and all for one.

Home today seems little more than a dressing-room, to which we rush to change our costume and make-up for our act on the stage of life. It has become a place of embarkation for some other port.

The telephone, the radio, the phonograph, the moving pictures and the cheap automobile have done much to destroy the home, that greatest of all institutions of civilization. Parents have little opportunity for contact with their children and in consequence little chance to influence them.

Success in parenthood consists not in making children DO, but in making them WANT TO DO. No longer are children made good through fear. They are made good because they want to be good, the good must be made as entertaining, as interesting as the opposing bad.

Here lies the problem of the home. Let us not wonder why children go out so much, but what have we done to make home as interesting as the places to which they go. Let us not quarrel because they are absent at home, but studiously ponder the problem of what to do to make home interesting for them.

MICHIGAN'S HIGHWAY PROBLEM

The validating of the three-cent gas tax by the state Supreme Court will go a long way in clearing up the muddled highway program inherited by Governor Freu W. Green when he took office last January. No one will deny that it took courage to face the situation from a business standpoint and insist that the state first liquidate its highway indebtedness before plunging into additional expenditures for highway purposes. The problem was no more his than it was that of every taxpayer in Michigan. It was only good business judgment to insist on knowing where the money was coming from before assuming further obligations for the state.

Under the decision of the court Michigan is now assured of a rational highway program. The additional revenue secured will permit payment of outstanding obligations in addition to taking care of our constantly growing traffic demands. The Governor has indicated his willingness to submit future legislation to a referendum of the people. His opposition to referendum on the present law was to prevent a suspension of road building for more than a year, which would have been a serious mistake. He has no desire to build up a surplus in excess of that needed to carry on a sensible road building program; he believes the next legislature should reduce the weight tax on automobiles to that point where the combined tax will not be too burdensome on the automobile owners. The gas tax is a fair tax; the most equitable and easiest to pay that we have. Those who use the highways must pay most. Nothing could be fairer. But best of all—future highway building will be paid for as we go along—and like the man who pays cash, we can secure lower contracts from the builders.

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The Spruce is one of the most beautiful trees to be found in America. Winter or summer, its graceful boughs are covered with deep green needles. The spruce grows straight and tall and it is seldom that you will find a flared or unsightly member of its family. Besides being a beautiful adornment to any landscape, the spruce also is extremely valuable for a number of uses if planted in the proper place.

Spruce trees planted along the highways and railroads at strategic points make splendid snow fences as well as beautifying the right of way. For the farm they provide a splendid windbreak for buildings during the winter as well as shelter for farm animals during the late fall months. Spruce grows fast, is hardy and needs little attention.

A few years from now spruce trees will be extremely valuable, not only for pulpwood, but also for logs, and the man who has large merchantable spruce for sale will be fortunate.

When a political campaign begins too soon it doesn't end soon enough.—Toledo Blade.

An Alluring Outfit Is This Simple Beige Frock



For the demure miss, Marceline Day, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer star, is wearing a smart beige frock with a three-tiered skirt edged in brown ribbon. Collar and cuffs are of white linen also edged with the ribbon.



"DADDY! Come to supper!" Mary Brown opened the living-room door to put her head out into the darkness and cold of a snowy Christmas Eve.

"Coming, Old Scout," replied a gruff voice which had grown coarse about a foreman's orders in the clanging steel mills. Dad stamped the snow from his worn-out overalls.

"Well, I've shoveled the walk," he growled, "even if Grandma's not coming and it'll soon be drifted again. Just felt I wanted to do it, somehow."

Sis and Bob, the "twin sixes," as Dad had named them since their last birthday, now pounced on him, yelling "Gonna get a doll! Gonna get a sled!" and "I get a sled! Papa, won't I, huh?"

After supper the little ones went reluctantly to dreamland. Oh, just to think! Christmas at last! How hard to wait till morning! But the Sandman surprised them and made waiting easy.

"Mary," said Dad gloomily, "I'll have to speak to Jimmie. What keeps him out late this way? Even if it's vacation, it's strange. If he's bangin' around p'p's halls, no good'll ever come of that."

Mother looked thoughtful. "Well," she admitted, "he hasn't been in early for a week. But, Sam, I don't think he'd do anything wrong, you know—anything—"

"No, Jim's been a good boy," said Dad. "An awful good boy, but—"

"Ssh!" said Mother. Jimmy burst in, rosy with cold, his eyes sparkling.

"Keen weather!" he announced, exultingly, dancing and blowing his hands.

"Lo, Ma! Lo, Dad! Gee, but this'll be a swell Christmas!"

Dad and Mother brightened with smiles. Who could help it with Jimmy around. But Dad shifted uneasily. Wouldn't do to take a boy to task on Christmas eve. He started to pack his pipe.

"Jimmie, your supper's still hot,"

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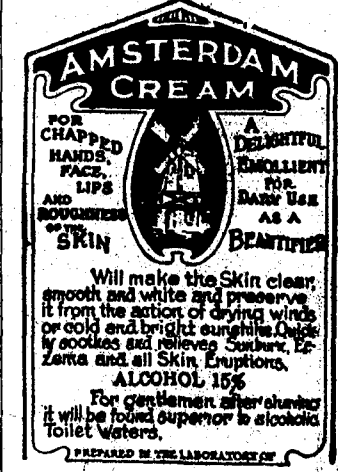
We wonder how many of Michigan's motorists are familiar with the laws that have to do with the operation of automobiles they drive. Could you state with certainty whether or not you can drive your car one full day without violating at least one law? If you can you are one in a thousand, because few folks are informed on all of our motor vehicle laws. Most of us know a little about a few laws and nothing about most of them. Appreciating this, Secretary of State John S. Haggerty, has had prepared a digest of the Michigan motor vehicle laws which is being published in convenient form. If you are not given a copy with your license plates this year ask for one. Every driver should carry a copy in his car, but before he puts it in his car he should take the time to read it through.

HOOVER'S RESIDENCE

Already the "whispering campaign" of undermining support of candidates for the presidency has started and Herbert Hoover is the one attacked. A clause in the federal constitution says that a person to be eligible to hold the office of president of the United States must have "attained the age of 35 years and have been fourteen years a resident within the United States."

Herbert Hoover spent many years in other countries prior to the war, following his profession as an engineer. Although born and reared here and always maintaining his citizenship the whispering hope either to ship the "fourteen year clause" construed as a bar to his eligibility or that it will act as a sort of bogey man to scare away support from Hoover is the reason for its being "whispered."—Crystal Falls Diamond Drill.

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LOVELL NEWS

The Xmas tree cutters have returned to their homes.

A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Nephew. She will be known as Lorna Deer.

John Rowe has returned to his home at Detroit.

Mrs. Augusta Hanna has gone to Ohio to spend the winter. She was accompanied by her grand daughter Marie McCormick.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Feldhauser are care takers at the Equire cabin.

Mr. Roy Small and son Don of Mio and Ben Bertram of Detroit spent a few days with the former's daughter, Mrs. Francis Nephew.

Roscoe, Carl and Lewis Bugbee have returned to their home at the Lake.

Don McCormick is cooking at Feldhauser's camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kennedy of Swanton and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sullivan of Orlin, Maine, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Husted at Bussel Lake.

Ray Duby was a caller at Mio Sunday.

Charles Popenfus and John Kelley were callers in Grayling Sunday.

Muri Burpee was in Lovells for a few days.

George Burpee of Grayling was in Lovells Sunday.

Bill Henderson and Jack Schouck of Mio were Lovells callers last week.

John Haric is at Feldhauser's camp employed as walking boss.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Opening of New Congress—Kansas City Wins the G. O. P. Convention.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

PRIMED for lively fights on various issues, the Seventieth congress began its first session on Monday. The house immediately re-elected Nicholas Longworth, but organization of the senate and committee assignments in both houses was delayed. With the opening of the senate on Tuesday came the first gub in the battle over the seating of Frank L. Smith and W. S. Vare, senators-elect from Illinois and Pennsylvania respectively. Norris of Nebraska led off with a resolution summarily refusing the two membership in the senate. Counter resolutions by their friends, that they be allowed to take the oath of office and that the charges of corrupt election practices be referred to the committee on privileges and elections, were offered. On Wednesday Senator Borah had his say in support of the latter resolutions and the senate, by a vote of 53 to 28, decided that Smith could not take the oath. Later the same action was taken in the case of Vare. Both cases were referred to the Reed committee on campaign expenditures.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S message, read to congress Tuesday, was a straightforward, business-like document, setting forth the needs of the country as he saw them and advising as to the future. He did not withdraw a step in his attitude on controversial questions and consequently the message in its entirety was pleasing only to his thick and thin supporters. The program he recommended for the nation may be summarized thus: Farm relief—creation of a federal farm board to administer a revolving fund to aid co-operatives. Flood control—Construction of dikes, spillways and aids to navigation in the lower Mississippi. Taxation—Moderate reduction as recommended by Secretary Mellon. Merchant marine—stop further building and turn ships over to private ownership. Inland navigation—Projection of the Gulf-to-the-Atlantic waterway through the St. Lawrence. Panama canal—Construction of \$12,000,000 dam at Alhajuela for flood protection. National defense—An army large enough for protection of the nation with generous supply of officers; more cruisers, airplane carriers and submarines for the navy but no participation in a navy building race. The President also urged strict enforcement of prohibition and again asked that the Chief Executive be given authority to act during coal strikes. In the matter of foreign relations he recommended understanding with other nations toward outlawing war and negotiations of covenants not out of harmony with the Constitution. The President's farm relief proposition did not at all suit the corn belt men; his recommendations as to taxes was at variance with the ideas of the ways and means committee, which on the same day introduced its bill calling for a tax reduction of \$232,735,000, much greater than was favored by Secretary Mellon; the limitation of flood control work to the lower Mississippi was contrary to the views of a great many who advocate a much more comprehensive policy; the "big navy" men were not satisfied with his program for fighting ships, and both parties are split on his merchant marine policy.

WEDNESDAY President Coolidge submitted his annual budget message, and again warned congress that taxes should not be reduced by more than \$225,000,000. The budget he offered for the fiscal year 1929 calls for total expenditures, exclusive of those of the postal service, amounting to \$3,536,837,081. This is about \$84,000,000 less than the estimated expenditures of the current fiscal year of 1928, but represents an increase of about \$63,000,000 over actual disbursements of the fiscal year 1927.

On the basis of estimated receipts, for the fiscal year 1929 of \$3,809,497,314, President Coolidge predicts a surplus of \$252,540,283, assuming no change in the present revenue laws.

He estimates the surplus for the current fiscal year at \$454,233,806, this figure representing the difference between estimated receipts of \$4,075,598,091 and expenditures amounting to \$3,621,364,285.

The President allows approximately \$845,000,000 for the purely defense needs of the nation during the year ending June 30, 1929, an increase of approximately \$20,000,000 over the sum made available for defense last year. According to the President's figures, navy estimates for the next fiscal year are \$362,167,020, an increase of \$14,299,048 over this year. For the army the budget estimates provide \$291,331,833. The navy total, however, contains approximately \$9,000,000 for retired pay for officers and enlisted men, an item not included in the army total.

WHEN the Republican national committee got together—with two new anti-La Follette members surprisingly elected in Wisconsin—it first called on the President in the White House, and Mr. Coolidge made quite a long address in which he quite definitely removed himself from consideration for the nomination in 1928. His words were:

"This is naturally the time to be planning for the future. The party will soon place in nomination its candidate to succeed me. To give time for mature deliberation I stated to the country on August 2 that I do not choose to run for President in 1928. My statement stands. No one should be led to suppose that I have modified it. My decision will be respected. After I had been eliminated the party began and should vigorously continue the serious task of selecting another candidate from among the numbers of

disqualified men available."

The committee then took up the question of the convention city, hearing the offers of the several contestants. Chairman Butler announced a good deal of feeling for Cleveland, his preference for that city being a bit light between that city and San Francisco resulted. On the seventh ballot Kansas City won, and the committee at once issued a call for the convention to meet there on June 12. Mr. Coolidge's "elimination" of himself was followed by a statement by Charles Evans Hughes that he was not to be considered a candidate, and, though Senator Willis announced that he was willing to accept the honor, there were left but three major contenders for the nomination—Frank O. Lowden, Herbert Hoover and Vice President Dawes. The selection of Kansas City was regarded as rather favorable to Lowden and Dawes.

Under the terms of the call for the convention the basis of representation will be the same as in 1924. There will be one delegate for each congressional district and one additional delegate for each district polling 10,000 or more votes for the Republican candidate for President in 1924 or Republican candidate for congress in 1924. Then there will be four delegates at large for each state and three additional delegates for each state carried by the Republican ticket in 1924. There will be 1,039 delegates in the convention, compared with 1,109 in 1924. Kentucky and Texas gain three each, while Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin lose three each, Tennessee eight; Georgia, North Carolina, and Virginia two each, and Alabama, Louisiana, and New York one each.

WARNING was issued to the Republican and Democratic parties by the Anti-Saloon league at its meeting in Washington, that the league membership will support only those candidates in state and national elections whose utterances, acts and records prove them to be loyal supporters of the Volstead act. To win the support of the organization the parties must nominate men whose loyalty to the dry act cannot be questioned.

After a bitter fight between the supporters of F. Scott McBride, national superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league, and Ernest H. Cherrington, general manager of the league's publishing activities, over the question of whether force or persuasion should be the major weapon used in the future by the league in its fight against repeal of the Eighteenth amendment.

McBride was re-elected and Cherrington was made director of a new department of education, publicity and research. E. S. Shumaker, Indiana superintendent who is under indictment for contempt of the Indiana Supreme court, was dropped from the executive committee.

SECRETARY MELLON in his annual report says that, notwithstanding a decline in business activity, underlying conditions are sound. "Business activity began in the spring months of this year to fall below the totals of last year," says the report. "As a result of this recession business is now being conducted on a basis that conforms more nearly to the normal expectancy, as judged from the regular rate of growth of the country. While business is not as active as in most of 1926, it can hardly be said to be subnormal, and the underlying fundamentals appear to be sound."

"Another indication of healthy business conditions is the recent recovery in commodity prices, due in the main to the rise in agricultural prices. The growing stability of prices in Europe, moreover, is favorable to our export commodities."

CHARLES MARTINDALE, master in chancery of Indianapolis, filed in the United States District court a report in which the Standard Oil Company of Indiana and fifty other oil concerns are held not guilty of violating the Sherman anti-trust law by a monopoly of trade. Martindale holds that there is no evidence of an existing conspiracy in restraint of trade, maintenance of a monopoly, price fixing or pooling of patent rights. Dismissal for lack of equity of the suit instituted by the government three years ago was recommended.

LITHUANIA and Poland presented their complaints against each other to the council of the League of Nations in Geneva and asked for relief. Premier Waldemaras appeared for Lithuania first before representatives of Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Japan, and refused to budge from his position. He said he was ready to give the council every guarantee of Lithuania's pacific intentions and his willingness to set up a neutral zone between Lithuania and Poland, but he could not go into the question of immediately restoring diplomatic relations with Poland or allowing the Poles untrammelled entry into Lithuania.

Next day Waldemaras told the council how Lithuania has been continually menaced by Poland since the establishment of the little republic, and recounted the alleged Polish actions in support of Lithuanian rebellions. Foreign Minister Zaleski of Poland said Waldemaras' charges and fears were based on gossip and that his country extended the fraternal hand of friendship to Lithuania. Finding the whole matter too difficult for immediate decision, the council referred it to Van Buren of Holland for a report.

JAPAN'S plan to borrow \$40,000,000 from J. P. Morgan & Co. for the benefit of the Japanese owners of the South Manchurian railway has been killed. All the Chinese factions have protested against it, and the disapproval of the United States was considered certain. Under the American notes of May, 1915, Japan is required to obtain American approval of any Manchurian loan to which the Chinese have not consented. The Japanese are greatly disappointed by this failure.

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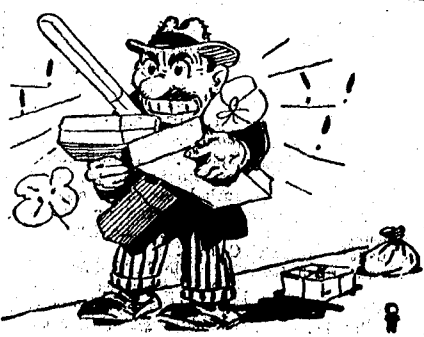
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Ike Matlin, twenty-six years old, and his miniature wife Margaret, twenty-five years old, who are believed to be the first midgets to enter court action for divorce. Ike filed suit in Jacksonville, Fla., asking for a separation from his wife, saying they were not mad at each other, only they couldn't get along.

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